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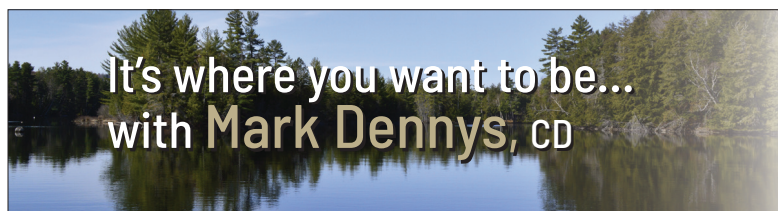
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County considers hiring physician recruiter

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Staff Reporter

During upcoming budget deliberations, Haliburton County councillors will decide whether the county should hire a new staff person dedicated to the recruitment of physicians, as well as economic development.

During a Jan. 23 meeting, councillors received a report from chief administrative officer Mike Rutter regarding physician recruitment. There is an ongoing shortage of family and ER physicians in Haliburton County. According to Rutter's report, it is estimated the county currently requires two physicians, and will require one to two new physicians every two to three years, as local doctors retire.

A number of other communities in Ontario offer incoming physicians large financial incentives.

Others, such as the City of Kawartha

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Pond on

A Hat Trick Swayze player, left, looks to impede a Denim Danger player during the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Friday, Jan. 25 at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. Read more on page 12. /DARREN LUM Staff

Burke and her bees buzzing about Junior Citizen Award

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

To her long list of ever-growing accolades, 16-year-old apiarist and entrepreneur Morgan Burke can now add that she is the recipient of an Ontario Junior Citizen Award.

The finalists for the award, sponsored by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association and TD Bank Group, were announced last week and Burke, who is described by family and friends as being humble, was surprised to find she was one of them.

The award recognizes youth aged nine to 17 who actively demonstrate strong leadership skills, creativity, determination, generosity and a desire to make a difference within their communities.

"I was pretty surprised, I wasn't expecting it," she said. "There's a lot of good people working in different communities. I didn't think I was going to be nominated into the finals. It's a lot to take in. I feel really good about it. It's an honour."

The Haliburton resident and Grade 11 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is one of 13 recipients of the award this year from around the province, alongside fellow recipients including 11-year-old Jacob Taylor of Metcalfe who started a monthly kindness club after being bullied, 13-year-old Zara Belanger-Pepper of Chatham who wrote a book

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Haliburton competing with other small towns for doctors

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Lakes, have a staff person dedicated to physician recruitment.

"We're competing against other communities that have a dedicated resource doing this," Rutter told councillors.

At one time, the county had a medical professional recruitment committee, but that committee was disbanded in 2016, essentially because it had proven ineffective. As Rutter's report indicated, most of the successful recruitments the county has had have been resident doctors and locums who've spent time in the community.

"I do feel as though the county has been dipping its toe in the pool of physician recruitment," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding she was supportive of the idea.

"I'm hearing now over and over again that people are having a challenge getting a doctor," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Daniels.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he supported a change in the approach to physician recruitment.

"From my personal perspective, in terms of recruitment of GPs in Minden, it's failing," Devolin said.

Minden has one family doctor.

There was some disagreement among councillors as to whether a physician recruiter should be a standalone role, or married with the function of an economic development officer.

At one time, the county's tourism department included both tourism promotion and economic development, but in 2013, the county council of the day decided to concentrate on tourism and leave economic development activities to the lower-tier townships.

Rutter suggested bringing economic development back under the county roof, but noted this did not mean taking economic development responsibilities away from the lower tiers.

"It really needs to be happening in both places," he said. "One supports the other."

"I would be supportive of that role being brought back to the county," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts.

Some councillors, though, didn't see physician recruitment and economic development as something that should be merged into one staff position.

"Those are separate issues to me," Devolin said.

Ultimately, council decided they would include \$75,000 for a joint physician recruiter/economic development officer in the 2019 draft budget for consideration during upcoming budget deliberations.

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McKee's Tap and Grill restaurant owners Aaron and Melissa Walker present a \$1,000 cheque to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association executive's president Dave Lloyd, director Margo Ross, vice-president Craig Bowker, directors Tom Nicholson and John Enright on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the restaurant in Haliburton. Aaron said he gave the donation to the HCSA because the association helps drive tourism for the area. /DARREN LUM Staff

Snowmobile association welcomes donation from McKee's Tap and Grill

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

This time of year, when the wind howls and the snow gusts, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is busy working the trails, but its members are still hoping for more snow.

Mother Nature is hard to predict. Since 1971, the HCSA has rolled with the punches and done their best to sign and groom their trail system, which is 370 kilometres.

One thing the HCSA has appreciated the past two years has been the contribution from the Haliburton eatery McKee's Tap and Grill.

McKee's owner Aaron Walker, who owns and operates the restaurant with wife Melissa Walker, was happy to donate \$1,000 this year, bringing a two-year total to \$2,500.

"It's a great partnership and definitely the HCSA is probably the largest driver of tourism here in the winter. We support that 100 per cent," he said.

The donation for the not-for-profit HCSA is timely, as it comes when the association is establishing and grooming trails.

HCSA executive members, president Dave Lloyd, vice-president Craig Bowker, directors Margo Ross, Tom Nicholson and John Enright were in attendance to accept the \$1,000 donation on Thursday, Jan. 24 in Haliburton.

How the money will be used was expected to be decided at the association's meeting this past Monday.

Bowker said last year's \$1,500 donated by McKee's was "sprinkled" around, contributing to different needs by the HCSA.

He adds a "good portion" was allocated to health and safety equipment.

Bowker appreciates the donation and the gesture this donation represents.

"It's a great thing that McKee's is the one who steps forward without being prompted to make this kind of donation. It's not like we solicit donations, but they've come out of their own free will to do this because they recognize the economic impact that snowmobile tourism has on this community and it's amazing that there are a lot of other people and businesses in the community that benefit from snowmobile tourism, but don't come forward," he said. "It's important to see that this is one of our major economic drivers in our slow season and having contributions not just from the private sector, but the public sector are welcome."

Lloyd said as far as the condition of the trails go, they are where they want them to be at this time of year.

"We didn't have a lot of snow to start the season, but we did get out very early this year and pack [the trail down]. With the unseasonably cold weather we had early in the season, what that did was it tightened up the wet spots we normally struggle with early in the season ... made the ponds hard and the beaver dams hard and the swamps [hard] and things like that," he said. "We were able to get out. We were out packing [the trail]. We've got a decent base and now with that little bit of snow we got last night [Wednesday, Jan. 23] the groomers were out today. And actually trails are going very close to green now."

Eighty per cent of the trails are open at this point. Lloyd said the network's north trails are "doing better than the south."

Among the trails closed include the Gooderham run from Haliburton.

The rain storm that hit the area on Wednesday night caused damage that the volunteers will help to resolve.

"We're encouraged by the snow that we had so we're hoping to have everything open this year," he said.

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Teen's fundraiser brings in \$2,000 for health care

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titled *What Have I Learned* after her father died by suicide, 17-year-old Iman Berry of Windsor who ran a project connecting Canadian students with refugees to increase cultural awareness and help newcomers feel more comfortable, and 16-year-old Taylor Dallin of Toronto who has dedicated more than 885 hours to community service.

Burke has already been making a buzz with her business, The Birds and the Bees, in which she has developed a line of products using honey from bees she raises herself.

Her name has appeared in this paper several times in the past few years for notable achievements, including being the youngest exhibitor at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 2017 where she earned the Staff's Pick for best in customer service and best display, being awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Summer Company program through the Kawartha Lakes Small Business and Entrepreneurship Centre earlier that year, and being named young professional of the year in 2018 by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Recently, she donated more than \$2,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation after launching a "Bee 'cause We Care" fundraising campaign, selling honey bottled in branded jars to help the hospital.

"I want to become a nurse, so I wanted to work with the hospital on something that helps them, because we are a small community," she said. "I just wanted to help out the community. I've helped the hospital with a few fundraising events and I just wanted to help."

Additionally, she created a unique beehive sponsorship program in which individuals or groups can sponsor one of the 15 beehives in her yard at a drone level (\$50), worker bee level (\$75) up to a whole beehive sponsorship (\$500) which benefits the HHHSF as well.

Sponsors can visit their hive to see the bees working, and receive a gift package that might include honey from their hive and some of the products Burke creates, like lip balm, a candle, a lotion bar or soap.

"It is inspiring to witness her strong sense of community support, manifested in the highly creative fundraising initiative she has begun," wrote Lisa Tompkins, executive director, HHHSF, in the nomination package.

Besides amassing newspaper articles about her accomplishments, Burke now has that nomination package created for the Ontario Junior Citizen Award that is 28-pages thick with referral letters singing her praises from community members that include Tompkins; Heather Reid of the Abbey Gardens Community Trust; Richard Wannan, past-president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce; Patti Tallman, executive director of the Haliburton County Development Corporation; and teachers from her high school.

The letters describe Burke as being highly motivated, hard-working and dedicated, and community-minded with spirit, commitment and great initiative.

It was Tompkins who nominated Burke for the Ontario Junior Citizen Award.

"Her creative and innovative approach to product development, and her clear willingness to 'do the work' to be successful has resulted in recognition from a number of business and community sectors, as the many supporting nomination forms indicate," wrote Tompkins in the award application. "She is highly respectful, makes the effort to seek guidance when needed, and demonstrates a degree of professionalism well beyond her years."

"Once her business was established, she approached me ... to see how she could give back to the community," wrote Carolyn Plummer, CEO of HHHS, in the award nomination package. "Working together with our hospital foundation, Morgan created a unique and innovative fundraiser that not only brings in financial support for our health services, but also helps engage other members of the community in learning about beekeeping and the importance of bees in supporting a healthy environment. She is one of the most creative, innovative, and caring people I've met, and her work with us has helped raise the profile of our organization in a whole new context."

While she puts dozens of hours of work into her business each week, Burke's teachers acknowledge she also works to uphold her status as an honours student.

"She was spending many, many hours in addition to [preparing for the Royal Winter Fair] preparing products to sustain the high demand of sales," wrote Amy Klose, HHSS teacher. "Through all of this Morgan managed to balance her time to maintain her high standards in the classroom, maintain relationships with her friends, and she continued to communicate respectfully and thoughtfully with her teachers regarding her progress with school work. Morgan is a great kid."



Grade 11 student Morgan Burke is one of 13 Ontario Junior Citizen Award winners this year. She was recognized for her innovative business, The Birds and the Bees, along with the creative fundraiser for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. /DARREN LUM File photo

Klose noted Burke's generosity in sharing the financial benefits of her hard work with the community.

"When I heard that she was sacrificing so much of her time and energy to her business, I was impressed," she said. "To hear that she is donating so much of her profit to the community is very remarkable. Morgan's giving nature demonstrates her exceptional citizenship."

Burke's business has grown from just two beehives in 2017, to 15 now.

"When I look back, everyone has to grow, and I think I learned a lot from the first year," she said. "We had a lot of farmers' markets, which became very tiring. You kind of get to work around what works for you and what doesn't. I think that I've just really matured and kind of, when I started, I really didn't know what products I wanted for the business. I was still testing things. It's nice now to look and see that I have a stable product line. I think I have grown a lot during that time. It's kind of really helped me focus on what I want for the business."

Burke's family – especially parents Darcy and Donna – has backed her from the beginning, and she hopes her little sister can take on the business for her while she even-

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— Carolyn Plummer
HHHS CEO

tually pursues a nursing education at university.

Burke is quick to thank her family and the community for her success.

"I think the support I've had, from the community and my parents, they've really pushed me," she said. "The beekeeping community, there's a company called Dancing Bees, they're my supplier and they've kind of [taken] me under their wing and mentored me. I think they've really helped. I think you need to have initiative and have a goal to succeed."

Burke, along with the 12 other Ontario Junior Citizen Award finalists, have been invited to attend a special ceremony in Toronto in March, which will be attended by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

"It feels great," said Burke, of being a finalist in the program. "I hope I can encourage younger students to kind of help the community, and do what they want to do."

The Ontario Junior Citizen Awards are promoted with the support of 240 community newspaper members in the Ontario Community Newspapers Association, recognizing young leaders who are involved in community service, are contributing to their community while living with a physical or psychological limitation, who have performed acts of heroism or bravery, or who achieve excellence in personal achievement.

According to a press release, candidates are also recognized for being "good kids" who go above and beyond what is expected of their age and show a commitment to making life better for others. Or, as Heather Reid wrote in her nomination, "the world needs more people like Morgan."

For more information about Burke's business, The Birds and the Bees, visit The Birds and the Bees on Facebook, @thebirdsandthebeesonline on Instagram, or thebirdsandthebeesonline.org website.

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HHHS receives fraction of requested grants

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 24 meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

HHHS continues to work to reduce its deficit, finance committee chair David Gray told the board. Statements to the end of November show a \$78,000 loss, which is "a \$56,000 improvement over the \$134,000 loss that was there at the end of September," he said.

The board has committed to coming to a balanced position by the end of the fiscal year.

Gray said it was difficult to plan because of changes that could be coming for the Local Health Integration Networks, the regulatory bodies set up by the previous Liberal provincial government. Recent media reports have indicated the province is considering doing away with the LHINs, replacing them with a so-called "super agency."

Gray said the HHHS finance committee didn't know "what the rules of the game are, whether we will have LHINs or even what our funding is or will be."

Regardless of what happens to the LHINs, Gray said there was other financial uncertainty. Very little of the requested funding from the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund Exceptional Circumstances Program was granted.

"In late November we received notification that only \$33,000 of our submitted projects of \$393,000 were approved, in other words, approximately eight per cent. We have a very major project that's going to require taking place in this particular fiscal year, the well remediation project here in Haliburton," he said.

The well remediation was mandated by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, so it must proceed whether external sources of funding are available or not.

HHHS offers condolences following Dr. Al-Beer's death

CEO Carolyn Plummer gave her condolences to friends and family of orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Ali Al-

Beer, who died in a car accident on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Dr. Al-Beer worked at Ross Memorial Hospital and treated many patients from HHHS. He was 49.

"The community down at the Ross is reeling and their extended community including our community here in Haliburton is reeling. He was a well known physician in the region and many people from this community have been referred to him. I know our physician group has worked very closely with him and so certainly it's going to be a loss to the medical community and a loss to the health system in our region in particular," she said.

Dr. Kristy Gammon, HHHS chief of staff, answered questions about what would happen to his patients. She said didn't know how RMH would be dealing with his patients. For HHHS, referrals will be redirected to other doctors.

Dr. Gammon said she had spoken to Dr. Al-Beer many times and echoed Plummer's condolences on behalf of the medical advisory committee.

"I had the pleasure of talking to him on many occasions. My patients loved him. He was a respected, excellent clinician and [his death] is a real loss to the medical community," she said.

Doctor shortage continues

Dr. Gammon told the board that an already stressed Haliburton emergency department would be going with less in coming months.

She said by the end of March there would be 2.5 full-time equivalent physicians and by the end of May, two full-time equivalents. Normally, the emergency department in Haliburton would need five to six.

"Reliance on Health Force Ontario emergency department locum program is not an ideal long-term, but necessary ongoing short-term solution to our staffing here in Haliburton. Recruitment efforts haven't been successful to date, but we continue to work with our regional partners, the county and Health Force Ontario on this crucial issue," she said.

Dr. Gammon had heard the county would be working toward hiring a physician recruiter and thanked them for their support.

Staff leadership changes

Many changes within the organization were acknowledged at the meeting including Dr. Greg Karaguesian's retirement from emergency medicine at the end of March. He is the physician lead at the Haliburton emergency department.

Dave Jarvis, director of community mental health services, will be retiring in February. He has worked for 17 years with the mental health team, Plummer said. An open house at HHHS Mental Health Services in Minden is being held Thursday, Jan. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Kris Baird, director of human resources, has left for another hospital and completed her time at HHHS on Jan. 3.

Dr. Kristy Gammon announced that she would soon be taking a sabbatical and the board thanked her for her leadership as chief of staff. While she is away, Dr. Keith Hay will be the interim chief of staff.

Maureen Charlebois was welcomed as the new integrated chief information officer, to work for both HHHS and Ross Memorial Hospital. Bruce Pye, who had been the shared regional CIO will continue working for the hospital in an advisory capacity along with working for other hospitals in the region.

Plummer also welcomed Dr. Diane Duff as the new VP clinical services and chief nurse executive.

Vaccination notices going out to students

Notices are going out this week to about 5,600 students in the area covered by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit whose vaccination records are not up to date.

The notices tell families that if the records are not updated or a valid exemption given, students will be suspended from school starting in April. Exemptions are given based on medical, conscience or religious grounds.

Families are encouraged to check their child's records for missing vaccines. Go to www.ontario.ca/page/vaccines-children-school for a full listing of what is required.

If missing vaccinations are found, contact your health-care provider or call the health unit.

Then go to Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) (<http://hkpr.icon.ehealthontario.ca>) to easily update, manage, and track vaccination records online. For more information, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507, or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

"We urge families who receive a health unit notice to take a moment and review their child's vaccination record. Visiting the ICON website is the quickest and easiest way to update records to avoid any problems," says Marianne Rock, manager in the health protection division. "In many cases students have all their vaccines, but the records just need updating with the health unit."

In Ontario, health units must enforce the Immunization of School Pupils Act. This law requires all students attending school to be fully immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox) and meningococcal disease. If any vaccine is missing, students can be suspended from school.

"While it is not the health unit's intent to suspend students, there is a requirement for all students to be vaccinated," Rock notes. "Vaccines are free, safe and effective, and help protect young people against very serious diseases."

In 2018, hundreds of suspension notices were issued to local students, but in the end, all vaccination records were updated.

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Glebe Park clubhouse in sorry state

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Staff Reporter

The Glebe Park and museum committee is hoping Dysart et al council will do something about the clubhouse building in the park.

The building was constructed by the Haliburton Legion in the field at Glebe Park in the 1980s as a permanent stage for a bluegrass festival it hosted at the time. It consisted of a full basement, roof and three insulated walls, with an open side. When the festival was discontinued, a temporary wall of windows was added to the front and it was taken over by the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association, which has used the structure as a warming shelter for the children's jack rabbit program it conducts in the park each winter. About 50 to 75 kids partake in the program each Saturday during the winter months. The ski club contributes to trails work in the park, and the municipality officially took ownership of the building about a decade ago.

As committee chairman Jim Blake told Dysart et al councillors during a Jan. 22 meeting, this year, the ski club is using a garage as a warming shelter for kids in the program, since the state of the clubhouse has left it unusable. Not only has the building generally deteriorated over the years, but Blake said that mice have long made the structure their home and that this fall, a family of racoons moved in.

Also, while the current use of the building has been grandfathered, it does not meet the building code for an assembly building, as it does not contain running water, washrooms, or meet accessibility standards.

Blake said the committee felt whatever is done with the building is a municipal

responsibility.

"Through our public consultation, there is a real need for indoor space for museum programming," Blake said, suggesting that a renovated or replacement building could double as space for the museum, and for the ski club. "We have a greater use for an indoor space."

Blake said the committee had gotten an estimate for removal and replacement insulation in the current structure, and that it would cost approximately \$18,000.

"So, we don't have a solution for you," Blake quipped, explaining the committee just wanted to put the state of the structure on council's radar.

"All we're asking is for you to pay attention," he said.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said there was a big cost differential between replacing a warming shelter and outfitting a building with plumbing and sewer services.

"It makes a huge financial cost difference," Roberts said.

"We don't need anything fancy, we just need an indoor space," Blake said.

Roberts said she would put the issue back to the committee for further investigation.

"I would leave that as an agenda item for that committee to really look it," she said.

Councillor John Smith said he thought that council needed to decide whether the construction of a modern recreation complex was going to be a priority for council for the term.

"We don't have the thing that many people in the community feel is important," Smith said.

Roberts said she saw the Glebe Park building as a separate issue.

Blake has chaired the committee some 12 years, and Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts will be taking over that role.

Booking arena, parks online

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Residents will soon be able to book rentals of some public spaces in Dysart et al though the use of Perfect Mind software, which is scheduled to go live on the municipality's website in February.

"You can filter through and decide what you want to look for," said recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller, as she gave councillors an overview of the software during a Jan. 22 council meeting. "Let's say you were looking for a park, for instance, a park rental, you would just come in and click on park rental. You can choose that, you can send the request, but you can't just book that straight up. It has to have the approval process first before everything is finalized."

As Mueller explained, when someone sends a request using the software, an email will be sent to her for approval of the booking.

Residents choose the facility, date, hours they are looking for, and also enter the number of people they are expecting to attend their event.

Operating on a 30-day cycle, parks, for example, would need to be booked at least a month in advance.

"The reality is if you're booking the park, you can't really book it short

notice," Mueller said. The arena will be able to be booked on shorter notice.

Users will be able to see rental rates, insurance requirements and the deadline for the contract with the municipality, and can also pay fees online.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy asked if there were plans to include other municipal assets, outside the arena and parks.

"I already have West Guilford and Harcourt [community centres] in here," Mueller said, "I haven't trained them on it yet."

"Because this is new for all of us, the most important thing was getting the arena and the parks in there," she said. "But the thought is, yes, we can definitely expand."

For those without access to the Internet, Mueller said there has been discussion about having a tablet at the municipal office that people could use to make bookings, or also register at the front office.

She said existing bookings are being put into the system, and that bookings for the arena would begin with the next ice season. Regular users of the facility can have their regular times blocked off, and then confirmed for next year.

"We can place-hold them in the system," Mueller said.

The technology is widely used by municipalities in Ontario, and will be utilized by other county municipalities as well.

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Celebrating healthy eating

Intermediate J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students Ethan Megrah-Poppe, Aiden Perrott, Taylor Consack, Kara Chumbley and Sydney Parish snack on food donated by Todd's Your Independent Grocer, located in Haliburton. The food initiative was part of the Loblaws Raise a Food Lover week, which was built from Eat Together Day. In partnership with local schools, Loblaws is using January to promote nutrition, food knowledge, healthy eating and the social benefits of eating with others. /Submitted by Mike Gervais



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Finding doctors

ECONOMIC development and physician recruitment aren't commonly paired job descriptions. However, as concepts – particularly when we're talking about the growth of Haliburton County – they are a perfect couple.

Last week, county councillors discussed whether money can and should be allocated for a new position, potentially encompassing both jobs in one.

If the dollars can be found, they would be well spent.

In recent years, Haliburton County has been finding itself with a shortage of both family doctors and emergency department physicians.

While Haliburton is somewhat better off with the Family Health Team based in town, its ER has been understaffed for at least a year, with Haliburton Highlands Health Services perpetually searching for a couple of doctors willing to fill the roles.

One family doctor is based in Minden.

There is still an inflow of doctors coming to the Highlands, but they aren't coming quickly enough to fill positions as others leave or retire.

We need more help.

At one point, the county had a recruitment committee, but as is reported in this week's paper, that group was disbanded years ago.

Perhaps it's time for our county to follow suit with other small- and medium-size towns and hire a recruiter.

The position doesn't need to be blended with economic develop-

ment, but it can't hurt.

A strong roster of doctors and a strong local economy go hand in hand.

The county's CAO Mike Rutter told councillors that the most success in recruitment had come from locums or resident doctors who came to the Highlands and decided to stay.

About a year ago, I interviewed Dr. Devon Tilbrook who took over Dr. Barbara Varty's practice in Haliburton. She moved to the area from Toronto with her husband

and children.

She said they were looking for a small town to move to, and found Haliburton through a Google search.

They arrived to find the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival underway. They were assured that there were good schools for the kids.

They enjoyed the wildlife and the team atmosphere nurtured

through the medical clinic in town. They were sold.

Without the efforts of councils, businesses and volunteers over the years building up the community, fostering festivals, preserving our natural places and investing in our schools, we wouldn't be able to attract young doctors to the area.

And without a good number of doctors, it's hard to bring in other new families, businesses and opportunities. They go together.

Our health-care system has been stressed for many years now.

For the good of our community, both economically and physically, enhancing our recruitment efforts is necessary.



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Editorial



Full moon

by Darren Lum

Tracks in the snow

IT WAS LIKE walking into a perfect landscape. The snow had stopped. The moon was up. And Jack had ventured out with his dog not sure of what to expect.

The weather had been so mercurial the last week. Jack, known in his family as Mr. Walker, had not been able to take his daily walks because the road had been unsafe. One fall had told him to wait for a change in conditions before braving the village streets again. Unhappy, restless but resigned, he had agreed with Maggie that it was better to be careful than cracked, cut or bruised.

But tonight – ah it was worth the wait. Not a branch creaked, not a flake swirled as moonlight spilled across the snow making a forest of shadows on the ground. As usual the dog seemed oblivious to his surroundings, more concerned with his usual stops along the way as his nose trailed the snow pushed up by the plow that afternoon.

Although several of Jack's neighbours regularly walked here with their own dogs, tonight the snow lay unblemished by human or animal. A hill rose up from the street and led back into the bush. Jack and Maggie loved the fact that while they lived in the village, the forest was on their doorstep. This time of year the deer were everywhere as were the wild turkeys. And sometimes when Jack was returning from his walk he could hear an owl from way back behind their house.

However safe the way appeared to be tonight, Jack still kept looking down in case a patch of ice lurked under the powdery white. That was how he was able to see the tracks.

At first he saw them just ahead, large paw marks in the snow. With two longer nails in the front, they were at least four times bigger than his dog's. Now in the past Jack had seen many animal tracks in his walks. But these were not made by a squirrel or rabbit. Perhaps a very big dog. But there were no

footprints accompanying them. That in itself was unusual because Jack never saw dogs off leash with no human in sight. Then Jack saw the tracks led down the hill and out of the bush before working their way along the side of the street.

He wondered if the tracks were made by a wild rather than domestic animal. There weren't a lot of options. He figured a wolf or coyote most likely. With so many deer now in the village and reports of several cats going missing, there was talk of predators coming into town. Jack was confident a wolf wouldn't come near him – they were too smart. But he wasn't so sure about a coyote. They could be pretty bold and his dog might be an attraction.

The night walks were not very long so when Jack returned home, he told Maggie what he had seen. They pulled a book on Ontario mammals from the bookcase and looked up animal tracks. Sure enough, what he had seen looked a lot like coyote tracks. It was interesting to see the difference in the tracks' shape and stride between wolf and coyote. But Jack didn't trust his memory so he went back outside

to take another look.

Now he saw his and the dog's as they skirted the other larger tracks. Bending down to take a closer look, Jack concluded they were exactly like the coyote's in his book. Where had it gone, if indeed that's what had been there?

Just then he heard the owl and stood still to listen. Its call came from far away, faint yet unmistakable. In his mind's eye he imagined a coyote standing in the forest, the owl in a birch above him and perhaps a rabbit and some turkeys under nearby cedars. The whole scene is bathed in moonlight, snow sparkling between long purple shadows.

As he walked back to his house, Jack once again thought how he wouldn't trade where he lived for all the congested, light-saturated cities in the world.

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Playing the spoons

SOMETIMES I think subtle clues are the most telling. Take this morning, for instance. Jenn placed our bowls on the table and I retrieved our respective boxes of cereal from the cupboard as usual.

At that moment, I once again noted that when it comes to breakfast cereals Jenn and I have two different perspectives. She tends to purchase cereals whose major characteristics include eco-friendly products and packaging and content that tastes like it's actually good for you. This is the kind of cereal that gets an approval rating of -10 by any panel of discerning second graders.

I, on the other hand, buy my cereal based on the sound advice of cartoon character mascots. These are characters with longstanding careers as cereal spokespersons, so you just know they wouldn't steer you wrong. Also, one is a senior captain in the Navy and the other is a Count.

Despite our differences in cereal, Jenn and I typically get through breakfast with me wondering silently how she can eat something so healthy first thing in the morning and her secretly longing for the sugar rush I am enjoying.

This morning, however, was different.

She placed a teaspoon, rather than a tablespoon, in my bowl.

Now, a lot of you might have believed her when she said that this was purely accidental.

I did not.

Jenn is always trying to steer me to do the right thing in terms

of my health, up to, and including, vegetarian meals at least twice a week. Other than that, she's not a bad person.

So, as I put the spoon away and got myself the proper sized tablespoon, I began to try to disseminate what her diabolical plan was.

As far as I could tell, it amounted to one of two things. She either wanted me to eat less of my unhealthy cereal or work harder at it.

The latter is obvious. It is common knowledge that a tablespoon is three times bigger than a teaspoon. This means to shovel back the same amount of unhealthy cereal, under Jenn's cruel plan, I would have to work three times as hard. This would have diminished much of the unhealthiness of breakfast.

Heck it was practically an entry level exercise program.

The eating less theory is more complex. The way I see it, Jenn was going for the optical illusion. I think she was hoping I would take that teaspoon for a tablespoon and therefore place less cereal in my bowl because of the perfect tablespoon to cereal ratio that I always try to attain.

Oh, she's a clever one.

Fortunately for me, I am also used to the ratio between the tablespoon and sugar bowl and when I went to top off my sugary cereal with even more sugar, I immediately ascertained that the ratio between the spoon and sugar bowl was all wrong.

Lucky I did too. Otherwise, I would have had to suffer unwittingly through countless healthier mornings.

The end result is that I foiled her plan and now will be even more vigilant.

Yet, even though the evidence is incontrovertible, I'd like to think there is a more innocent explanation. Jenn and I alternate doing dishes every night and tonight is her night to do them. Maybe she just wanted to do less.

Ah, who am I kidding? That's just ridiculous.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is of a home and pavilion on the land now occupied by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Owned by the Stewart family, the estate was called Newnham and included their home, the caretaker's house, sitting house, pavilion and other farm buildings. The pavilion was a community stage. The home and caretaker's house were destroyed by fire in 1937. Seen here, the pavilion on left and the home on the right. You can see this photo and many others from Haliburton's past in *Haliburton: A History in Pictures*, published by the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

letters to the editor

Anonymous helpers come to motorists' aid

To the Editor,

While heading home to Bobcaygeon via County Road 1, mid-morning Monday, Jan. 21 after spending a long weekend near Haliburton, the car suddenly started making horrible noises and I pulled off immediately. The left-front tire was completely flat; the sun was shining, but the temperature was -27C.

We were stopped right at the intersection of Nichols Road, where there is a nice residence – but no one was home! CAA was not answering, a local towing service had no truck available, a second was on message.

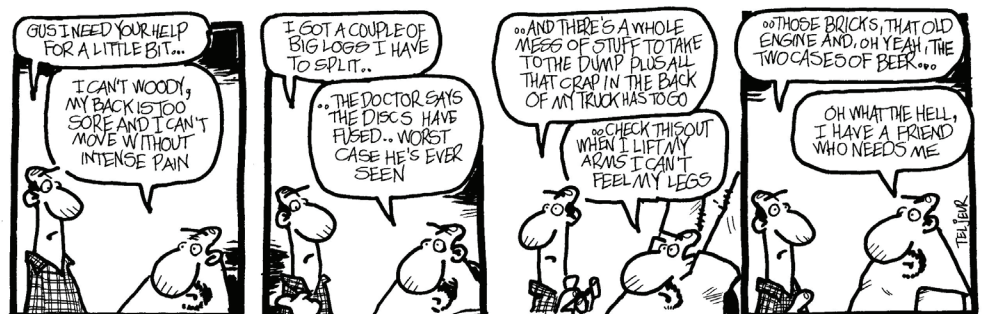
So at age 78½ I started to pull our luggage and provisions out of the cargo area to get the jack-set and doughnut-spare. After some difficulties with the custom-jack, the point to loosen the lug-nuts was reached. None of the five would move, not even a squeak, although I'm using my own X-shaped wrench for the leverage.

Just then another car finally stopped. The driver, hearing this, decided to pull over and try. He had a senior couple as passengers, but when he got out he was using a cane for steadying. Although bigger and stronger than I, those lugs were not moving. Eventually, in desperation, we tried applying weight! Whilst he held the wrench firm on a nut, I stood my 240 pounds on the cross-arm that had to go downwards – there was a squeak – and a mini-jump made the nut turn. Relief came four turned lugs later. We then continued the jacking, removed the wheel, continued the jacking – and discovered the custom-jack could not raise high enough to get the doughnut on!

My helper-friend then went looking along the road and found a piece of wood about two inches thick that we could place under the jack to attain sufficient height. So we laid the removed wheel flat under the side of the car and lowered the car onto it, reset the jack on the wood, and cranked it

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Ethel Curry Gallery to reduce hours in February

JENN WATT

Editor

Sales have been down at Haliburton's Ethel Curry Gallery, dropping substantially each year since the 2008 recession. Last year, it got to the point that owner Wayne Hooks decided to close shop for the month of February – open on Saturdays only.

"Sales are really bad. I have to close for February. I'll be open Saturdays for February. It's just having trouble paying salaries," Hooks said during a presentation to the Canadian Federation of University Women in Haliburton on Jan. 17.

He said he hoped the measure would avoid going the route other businesses have had to take: closing for the winter.

"From fall 2008, sales have done nothing but decline. They declined slowly until they reached a level of about 50 per cent of what we sold in 2007/2008, gross sales. Last year – the reason I'm trying this February closure thing – last year we were down to 30 per cent of 2007/2008 sales. I don't know why. Don't know why. Lots of reasons, speculation. But, our artists are talented. They really support us," he said.

He praised the staff, who keep the gallery looking good.

The gallery is private, Hooks explained, which means no grant funding comes in to get them through the slower time of year.

"We get no money except when we sell a painting. So we have to sell to keep the doors open. Public galleries get support, maybe not a lot depending where they are," he said.

In the summer, the gallery is open seven days a week, and in the past has reduced to Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday during the slower times of year.

He encouraged shoppers to come by and see the range of work, which includes items for \$5 and others for \$8,000. All artwork is by Canadian artists, with many local artists represented.

History of the Gallery

Hooks spoke to the Haliburton chapter of CFUW on the topic of Ethel Curry, the Haliburton artist after whom the gallery is

named. He also gave background on the gallery's history and his arrival in Haliburton following a career in international development.

Starting in the 1970s, Hooks worked with Cuso International and UNICEF in places such as Sudan, Bangladesh, and Geneva before coming home to Canada in 1986.

He found once he was home again, he had lost his appetite for development work.

Hooks came to Haliburton when a friend asked him to help clear a lot on Drag Lake. He ended up finding a property for himself.

He moved to the Highlands in 1993 and by 1996 had decided to go into business with Pete Curry and Jody Curry at the Ethel Curry Gallery. He bought the business outright in 2008.

Local painter Gary Chapman, who has since passed away, originally suggested that the gallery be named for Ethel Curry, who grew up in Haliburton and became an accomplished painter and instructor.

Curry was born in Haliburton in 1902 and studied at the Ontario College of Art, learning from and painting with Group of Seven greats such as Arthur Lismer and J.E.H. MacDonald.

"She brought some of them up here to paint. That would probably be in the '20s and '30s," Hooks said.

While in Toronto she met and befriended artist Doris McCarthy, who frequented the Highlands.

"They were lifelong friends. They met at OCA in the '20s. They both taught at high schools in Toronto," Hooks said.

After retiring in 1965, Curry returned to Haliburton, where she continued painting. He met her only once, when she was living in Extencicare.

Hooks said Curry gave her permission to have the gallery named in her honour, but was never well enough to visit. He heard that she was driven up to the sidewalk outside the building and was able to look at the exterior.

"She wondered why anyone would want to name a gallery after her," he said.

The purpose behind naming the gallery after Ethel Curry was to raise the profile of an artist that many believe has been unjustly overlooked, likely in part because of her gender and also because



Ethel Curry Gallery owner Wayne Hooks holds up a sketch of what is thought to be the cabin Curry had on Drag Lake. Hooks recently spoke to the CFUW about Curry's life as well as the struggles the gallery is having with sales. It will be mostly closed in February. /JENN WATT Staff

she wasn't good at self-promotion.

"If you ask Canadians to name a female artist, they'd probably only be able to say Emily Carr, if they could say Emily Carr. In Ontario, they might be able to say Doris McCarthy," Hooks said, "Doris is much better known than Ethel. Doris was a very outgoing person. Ethel was fairly withdrawn. I doubt anyone outside of Haliburton County or the art world of Canada has ever heard of Ethel Curry and that's wrong."

While McCarthy was gregarious and high energy, Curry was more reserved. She painted for the love of it, not for the accolades. It could be that she didn't achieve acclaim because she didn't push as hard as McCarthy did, Hooks suggested.

"In the '20s both Ethel and Doris submitted work to a juried show at OCA and I would guess the jury was full of

old men. Probably Group of Seven people and others. Ethel was rejected twice. She said I'm never going to do that again. ... [M]any many people say Ethel was so withdrawn, but so good. She's worth talking about and raising her profile in the art world."

Over time, there has been more interest in Curry's work, though her paintings still don't fetch the price Hooks thinks they warrant.

"When we started [at the gallery], you could get an original for easily \$300... And we have gotten now up to \$15,000 for an original, but they sell for between \$3,000 and \$5,000 now. Not that it's just price, but when you're looking at [Lawren] Harris or [Arthur] Lismer getting half a million ... there's no reason, except Ethel was withdrawn, that her work isn't better known."

Big thanks to local people

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up again. Despite some alignment difficulty, we got the spare on the five bolts and tightened!

At some point my Good Samaritan said he had been driving his father to a hospital, so when I tried to offer some leftover alcoholic beverages for them to take with them, it was refused for various health reasons. We compromised on them taking some treats made from healthy food items – after I said we don't buy junk treats! We believe these people are from the Haliburton/Minden area, or somewhat north. If you recognize them, compliment them – they are great!

Anita and Ian Gourley
Bobcaygeon and Chandler Point

Quilters begin work on this year's coverlet

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Each year a quilt is raffled as a fundraiser in support of the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House museum. The Wilberforce Heritage Guild was delighted to have the North Hastings Quilters group donate the blocks for this year's quilt top. Thanks so much.

One of their members Maureen O'Hara kindly assembled them and WHG member Linda Cameron added borders. Thanks to the crew who put it on the quilting frames this past weekend. Soon

quilters will be welcome at the Outpost to put in many stitches on a very interesting coverlet.

Funds from this and other projects will support Highlands East in the repairs that are required especially on the siding on the front and south wall.

We have been saddened by the news that Grant McCrae has died. Grant was a lifelong resident of Tory Hill. Though in his early 80s he was still involved in raising a small herd of cattle on the McCrae farm at the top of what old timers called Elm Hill. Grant had recently experienced some health problems. The funeral service will take place in mid-February. Condolences are extended to his family.

Though the extremely cold weather is surely adding to costs such as heating, many are appreciating the recent snowfalls. They certainly have improved the trails that bring out many on their fine

snowmobiles. A real winter bonus for those who provide food fuel and even accommodation for these sports people.

Some may even discover a tasty Toonie Lunch to warm them up at St. Margaret's Church this Tuesday, Jan. 29 at noon time. If you missed this one there will others on the last Tuesdays of February and March.

After enjoying retirement for 30 years welcoming Bed & Breakfast guests to my House in the Village in a few weeks I will be hanging up the key. The coffee and tea pots, the toaster, and the muffin pans will be permanently shelved. Will miss the people but not the chores. Oh, by the way, I will just be down the road at the other house or enjoying long lunches and more good books.

Which reminds me: The Book Club's January meeting is this Wednesday at the Wilberforce library branch at 6:30 p.m. New members welcome.

Haliburton audience invited to let loose with Julian Taylor Band

JENN WATT

Editor

Julian Taylor first started playing guitar while staying at Kilcoo Camp as a 10-year-old.

"Kilcoo would have been one of the first places I played the guitar. My cousin loaned me her guitar, because I really was interested in folk music," Taylor recalls. "At home I listened to jazz and R&B and soul and that stuff, but when I got to school I found that a lot of the kids were listening to other things. My upbringing and space was different than theirs. They were listening to rock and roll and folk music."

He learned to play "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" by Bob Dylan.

Although his father was a classical pianist, Julian was drawn to the instrument that allowed him to easily move from one locale to the next.

"I remember a friend of mine at Kilcoo teaching me some chords and learning that song and then playing it at the campfire. I told my dad playing guitar was the way I wanted to go because you can't bring a piano to a party unless there's one there and that was it."

Three decades later, Taylor not only brings the guitar to the party, he brings the whole band.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, the Julian Taylor Band will be performing at the Haliburton Legion, bringing their eclectic menu of music to the Haliburton County Folk Society concert.

Six members of the band will be performing: sax, keyboard, guitar, bass, drums and vocals.

Sue Shikaze, an organizer from the folk society, said the concert's been in the works since 2017.

"Julian has been on our wish list of artists for a few years. He has a foot in the folk world, as he has been a regular attendee at the annual Folk Music Ontario conference, and some of our committee members have seen him perform there acoustically," she said via email.

"We decided we wanted to include a concert/dance in this season's concert line up, and his band was at the

top of the list. We thought it would be the perfect event for February – dance away the mid-winter blues! We also wanted an act that would appeal to a bit younger of an audience in addition to our usual crowd. I think they fit the bill perfectly."

Taylor said the band's smorgasbord of sound comes partially from the rich cultural mosaic of Toronto and partially from the band members' musical backgrounds.

"An author here in Toronto ... Robert Priest, the poet said I'm not necessarily a revivalist, but a revisionist, taking flavours of songs and genres and moments of my life, literature and all that and combining it into something fresh and new," he said.

There are elements of many genres in the music they create, from blues and country to rock and jazz.

"I come from a family that migrated here from the Caribbean – that's my dad's side of the family. They came from all over the Caribbean. My dad was born in Antigua ... then my mom's family is from here – they're Indigenous; they're Mohawk," Taylor said.

Both Caribbean and Mohawk cultures have strong oral traditions anchored in the importance of storytelling, which has influenced his song writing.

"Folk music and folklore become very important to both of those cultures, which really in the sense of the word turns into Americana," he said.

The Julian Taylor Band is the second musical incarnation for Taylor, who was part of Staggered Crossing, a Canadian roots rock band, active between 1996 and 2007.

Taylor said he's learned to see the world from multiple viewpoints through music. He said he tries to get people to be open to all genres. He chuckles when he remembers times he's surprised audiences with the breadth of his repertoire, switching from Bob Marley to Garth Brooks or Johnny Cash.

"What I've been trying to do with my music is stop people from listening with their eyes. Just enjoy it, it's music," he said.

When his band plays in Haliburton, Taylor said his first priority is to create an atmosphere where people can relax.

"I hope that they come and, number one, enjoy themselves and have a time to let loose, to dance a little bit, to think a little bit, to cry, to laugh," he said.

The Julian Taylor Band will be performing at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, Feb. 9. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30. Special guests: Benton Brown and Nick Russell. You can buy tickets at Organic Times in Minden or The Source in Haliburton or by going online at www.haliburtonfolk.com/concert-series.html. Tickets are \$30 each.



Julian Taylor first learned to play guitar while at Kilcoo Camp near Minden as a 10-year-old. Today he leads the Julian Taylor Band, with a versatile repertoire of R&B, folk and rock. Taylor and his band will be playing at the Legion on Saturday, Feb. 9 in Haliburton. /Photo courtesy of the Julian Taylor Band

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Province reduces expected amount of Trillium funding

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A recent announcement by the provincial government to withdraw \$15 million from the Ontario Trillium Foundation budget for this winter is being met with disappointment in the Highlands.

The OTF is a government agency funded through government lotteries that provides grants to organizations and communities throughout the province.

In Haliburton County, it has funded programming for children and adults, recreation facilities, services, organizations or municipal governments. It easily totals more than a \$1 million over the past few years. John Teljeur has worked with various organizations that have benefited from OTF grants directly.

He said the food bank buildings in Minden and in Wilberforce wouldn't have come to be without the OTF money.

"There's no way we could have raised enough money to build those buildings to get things started," he said.

In 2014, the Minden Masonic Hall Inc. was granted \$150,000 to build an addition to its Arcadia Lodge on Newcastle Street. This is the home to the Minden Food Bank and the Minden Community Kitchen, where meals are made and cooking lessons provided to the community. The next year \$141,300 was granted for the construction of the addition to the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre to house the Wilberforce Food bank, which is part

of the Central Food Network.

"In the case of Central Food it basically built the entire building [space] with little or no cost to the community although there were in-kind donations, which you almost always have to have," Teljeur said.

"To me these are the kind of things that are investments. They should be looked at as investments. I mean you cut these things off and expect that everything will be fine and there [isn't] collateral damage is ridiculous. I get the whole thing for financial accountability, but you're talking about community projects that enhance a community and given the lack of infrastructure funding, where else is this money going to come from?" he said.

Teljeur adds small towns and places even like Haliburton County just don't have the ability to raise huge amounts of money for big projects. It will hurt communities across Ontario, he said.

Jim Blake is an active member of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands. He has been part of many projects related to OTF funding in the area. One of them is the three-year SPARC (Supporting Performing Arts in Rural and Remote Communities) project that will receive \$548,000 over three years. Although the recipient is the Highlands-based arts council, SPARC is a provincial initiative to connect those in the performing arts to share and collaborate.

Blake has noticed a trend with the Ford government.

"From my observations what they're doing is they're just going around and

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The Trillium Foundation is the only place not-for-profit organizations can go to get a significant amount of money.

— Jim Blake

looking where the Liberals increased funding for things and they're just taking funding to what it was before. So, they're going back two years or three years whatever and going back to that funding. They've done the same thing with the Ontario Arts Council," he said.

Recent cuts have affected the basic income program, Ontario Arts Council's Indigenous Culture Fund, Ontario Arts Council, Ontario College of Midwives, elementary school specialized programs and others.

"The Trillium Foundation is the only place not-for-profit organizations can go to get a significant amount of money," Blake said, "You can get a smaller amount of money from [HCDC] or through local fundraising, or those kinds of things. When you want to do a big project that's the one place you can go to make it happen," he said.

Large sums of money are difficult to fundraise even for the Highlands.

He cited the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations, which received a \$111,800 OTF grant for their shoreline evaluation project. This included a rehabilitation of Haliburton's Sam Slick Park across from the high school.

Blake said with the population growing every year there is greater demand for services and the organizations that provide them. As a result, budgets should grow to meet the greater need and not be reduced.

He also works with Haliburton County Development Corporation and said there will be greater demands on them because of this announcement.

"We could provide grants that are \$2,500 [or] \$5,000 for programs and depending on what it was, that would be good money for an organization to get started on something and then they could leverage that and say we already got money locally and now we can apply for a Trillium funding and get that funding," he said. "Everything affects everything else."

Curling clubs in Minden and Haliburton have also received grants to improve their facilities.

The Haliburton Curling Club updated its ice making equipment with \$150,000 received a few years ago. The money helped address a "laundry list of equipment that was necessary to change because of its age and likelihood of failure," said Wanda Stephen of the Haliburton Curling Club.

Without the OTF grant, the club would have had to find other grants, which likely would have meant rebuilding a little at a time with smaller sums of money.

Many clubs in Ontario and Canada have aging buildings, Stephen said, and there is an ever-present concern about aging ice making equipment.

She said these kinds of large-scale pro-

jects can't be covered by the club membership even if done over years. It would likely lead to club closures.

"Haliburton's scenario is not unique – curling clubs everywhere live out every season with their fingers crossed – we are blessed with a great membership, committed volunteers and a very responsible board of directors. We have planned for those rainy days – and we are extremely thankful that OTF saw fit to allow us that safety net that should see us get through another 40 years with this equipment. Hopefully the government in power then will be as generous."

Brett Weltman, press secretary for the minister of tourism, culture and sport, said this decision was about responsible finances.

"Unfortunately, the previous Liberal government's wasteful and irresponsible handling of the province's finances left us with a \$15 billion deficit, which has forced us to make tough decisions. Every area of government shares a commitment to spend taxpayer dollars responsibly, and every area of government is looking for opportunities to find efficiencies within their budgets while continuing to fulfill our mandate for the people of Ontario," he wrote.

OTF will continue to support the non-profit sector and invest in "programs that support healthy and vibrant communities." OTF has invested \$68 million this 2018-2019 fiscal year to benefit 383,000 people in Ontario. He added the provincial government will continue to support the communities of Ontario and will provide OTF with \$100 million in base funding for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

When asked to clarify where the announced \$15 million will be cut from, he did not respond.

As far as MPP Laurie Scott knows the \$15 million withdrawal was not earmarked for anything specific.

"I guess the Liberals promised to increase it or do something, but it was one of those things before the election promised, but [they] never actually did it. So, it is the same funding as it was last year, the \$100 million," she said.

She said \$68 million has already been invested in the province. Scott said this wasn't a reduction; \$100 million base funding was kept the same as the previous year.

Asked about how OTF remains an important source of money for the Highlands, Scott reiterated the minister's statement that this announcement is about being fiscally responsible.

"We've got a \$15 billion deficit. Yes, I support the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the work it does across our communities. It's a great program to work collaboratively with our groups, especially our small groups out there, but we do have, unfortunately, a \$15 billion deficit and Liberals promised this, but didn't come through with it," she said.

None of the previously approved grants will be affected, Scott said.

Blake said despite the withdrawal of expected money from the budget, there is still \$100 million worth of grant money available. There is still an opportunity to apply for OTF grants, even if there may be fewer projects funded.

That said, Blake doesn't see the provincial government cuts slowing down any time soon.

"They're obviously going through every program and doing the same thing. There's going to be less for all these different things," he said.

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New restaurant owners have recipe for success

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Felicia Dai and Kam Li are in business.

The couple have owned Win Yeung Chinese restaurant since June of last year, and though they call themselves "fresh hands" in managing a restaurant, they also acknowledge that seven months into the venture, they are feeling confident and business is going well.

Dai and Li met about 12 years ago, when they were students in Guangzhou, China. "We went to the same school, a different class, beside each other," said Dai. "He was Class 3, and I was Class 4."

Li, who Dai said is ambitious and hard-working, came first to Canada to "see a different world," as the couple describes it. In China he was doing well working in a restaurant, but he wasn't getting as much training and experience as he wanted.

"He wasn't really learning things from the chef, but here, the culture's more fair to everyone," said Dai. "If he wants to learn, the people want to teach you. That's maybe what [made] him want to go to Toronto, to see a new world."

Dai followed from China to Canada after she graduated from college.

"And then everything started over," she said. "It's hard but it's interesting, because you want to see something more. You want to do something more."

After studying at Seneca College, Dai became an early childhood educator in Scarborough, while Li pursued his dream in a restaurant, where he trained and worked his way up to a chef position within 10 years.

When Alvy Tsang, then the manager of Win Yeung Chinese restaurant, and Alex Cao, chef, were ready to retire after about 14 years at the restaurant, they turned to the young couple, who were family friends, to take the business on.

"We were just like, how about we try it?" said Dai. "We didn't really have plans for it. It's a challenge – we really took a risk. We were not really knowing what would happen. We were just like, OK, we'll come in and try."

Though Dai said it felt like the couple was gambling, she also said she wanted to support Li in his dream.

"He already liked doing the restaurant for this many years," she said. "I thought, if he wanted to try it, how about I support him. I really liked the job I did before, but if he wanted to do something for us, for our lives, it's better ... [to be] a better man or [make] a better life for us. And how about we do it together?"

Tsang and Cao worked with Li and Dai, going over the business and sharing their knowledge of the restaurant with their successors.

"The old owners gave us the same recipe of the sauce," said Dai. "They taught him how to do it, taught him a little bit [of the] secrets in the recipes, [so we can] keep the quality, and maybe the taste will be very similar. I can't say the exact same. Even though the same chef, the same recipe, you cannot control exactly the same."

When it was time, Tsang and Cao stepped back and Li and Dai stepped in.

"They trained us about two or three months, they worked with us together and then let go, and we took it over," said Dai. "Really took it over, and tried by ourselves."

Initially, making the restaurant run smoothly was challenging.

"The first day they were not here, it was really a lot of



Felicia Dai and Kam Li took ownership of the Win Yeung Chinese restaurant at 37 Maple Ave. last June. Previous owners Alvy Tsang and Alex Cao offered training and the restaurant's recipes to the couple prior to retiring. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

people, suddenly," Dai said, laughing. "Like, sometimes Saturday there aren't that many people in the mornings coming, but that day, I don't understand why, that day, Saturday, people were all over, and then we were like, what am I doing now? It was quite messy I think. I kept saying, 'sorry, sorry, for keeping you waiting for so long.' I kept saying sorry."

Eventually, Li and Dai figured out how to work together to help each other out.

"And now I can do it," said Dai, and then, laughing: "But of course they still need to wait a bit, I do not have 10 hands, I only have two hands."

The couple live locally with their two-year-old, Ashley, who is settling in to a schedule at daycare where she has a best friend.

"That one is a bubble gum, always sticking to me," Dai said lovingly.

Dai said she can feel lonely living so far from friends and family, and the schedule at the restaurant hasn't given her much opportunity for friendships, so she joked she is extra chatty with customers who come in and are friendly.

"If you like to talk to me, I'm really willing to talk as well," she said.

Dai told the *Echo* numerous times that she and Li are appreciating the kindness of Haliburton residents.

"So from China to Toronto it's a big change, and from Toronto to here as well it's a big change, but for me, it's fine," she said. "It's OK. The people are good. The people are nice. The place is nice, even if it's really cold."

Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant at 37 Maple Avenue in Haliburton is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday. Visit www.winyeung.com for menu information.



Amended Notice Land Division Committee Meeting

The County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that they will convene Land Division Committee at 6:30 p.m., February 11, 2019 for the purpose of education and training of new members. The Hearing of Applications will begin at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden ON.

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County of Haliburton 2019 Budget Notice

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that they will be discussing the 2019 budget on the following dates:

- Friday, February 8, 2019,
- Monday, February 25, 2019 and
- Wednesday, February 27, 2019

at 9:00 am in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON. The agendas for the above noted meeting dates can be viewed online at <http://haliburton.civicweb.net>

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The Loon Lake team in yellow squared off against the MotherPuckers in black during the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Friday, Jan. 25 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. Over the course of this past weekend and the upcoming weekend, the championships will have hosted hundreds of hockey players. New to the event this year for players was a pondimonium division, which provided men and women an opportunity to play four games without playoffs. /DARREN LUM Staff



A co-ed player of the Loon Lake team sends a pass.



A Hat Trick Swayze player, left, battles for a loose puck with a Denim Danger player.



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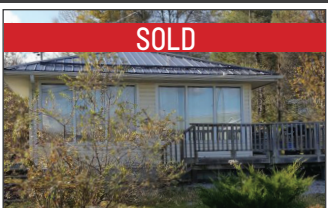
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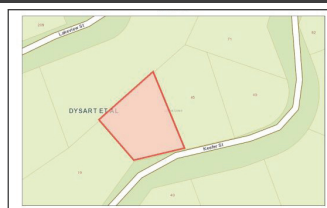
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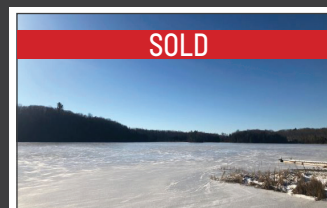
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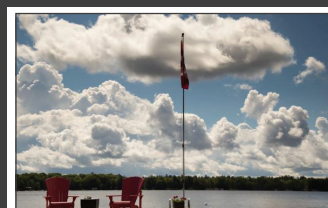
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Skyline Bonspiel reaches 60th year

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Days before the Skyline Men’s Invitational Bonspiel, a small gathering of cur-

rent and past Haliburton Curling Club members came together for a round-table discussion to talk about the 60th anniversary of the event.

David Gray, Don Popple, David Bishop, Steve Colliver, Wayne Hussey,

Art Dawson, Dave Moss and Len Salvatori – the elder-statesman of the group at 89, who started curling at the Haliburton club in 1952.

Six decades have passed since the first Skyline Bonspiel and the common sentiment was how the event brought together a group of men from all over Ontario for friendship and a shared passion for curling.

There’s something in the water, Len Salvatori says with a smile following the meeting when asked about winning the Skyline Men’s Invitational Bonspiel in 1968.

(On close inspection of the event’s first Labatts sponsored trophy, Lou Consky of Molou Theatre fame has his name etched in a metal shield for winning during the second year.)

Salvatori’s rink was led by skip, Joe Iles and included Raymond Scott as vice, also known as Scottie to friends, and Ken Wilson, owner of Haliburton Lumber at lead. Salvatori was the team’s second and was the youngest of them all. Iles and Salvatori both worked at Curry Motors. Salvatori worked there for 45 years.

It has been a while since he last competed in the Skyline, but he remembers the team that won in the 1960s as playing well through at least five games over two days. Salvatori, Iles and Wilson were in their late-30s while Scott was in his 40s.

In addition to being strong athletes and highly skilled curlers, the team knew each other well.

The rink used their athleticism to their advantage, getting the most out of their old corn brooms sweeping on the natural ice surface.

Motivation to be the best was at the heart of competition for locals, Salvatori said.

“Haliburton teams always want to win. That’s the way we were,” he said. “It’s always been like that.”

Even alcohol took a back seat to winning.

“That was the secret. When we were curling, [no drinking] until we were finished,” he said. “Every time you got drinking too much before you never win. You can’t win.”

He said there was an understanding that any drinking would be permitted once all the games were completed.

Salvatori said ultimately it was always about the fun of it all for him.

“That was the main part of it [was] to have fun,” he said.

In those days with the natural ice, the outside temperature would affect the playing surface. This was an advantage to the home team. The ice had a way of changing a rock’s path. Curlers needed to “rocker” the rock so it would wobble its way to the house in a straight trajectory to the intended target.

Salvatori remembers how well each of the players knew each other from work-

ing together or having grown up together in the Highlands.

“We’re all good friends. Real good friends,” he said.

The Skyline was first held in 1960 and organized by Jack Robertson. It got its location from the location of the club, which was positioned at the base of Skyline Park, which had just opened.

The original trophy, broom and rocks from the era, as well as Scottie’s sweater with all the ribbons from past bonspiels, was on display at the club earlier this month. Organizers gave curlers an opportunity to have their photos taken with the memorabilia.

Salvatori and many of the men around the table remarked about the arctic-like conditions that often accompanied the Skyline, which was often preceded by a thaw to add to complications.

It was common in the days before block heaters for competitors’ cars to be stored at Curry Motors, which was at the corner of Maple and Highland streets at the time. Curry Motors also provided a boost to get the participants on their way.

Everyone laughs about the great atmosphere and the joy felt during the bonspiel.

Drinking alcohol was part of the event, but so was the live music led by Bev Smith of Oshawa and the high level of curling. Parties orchestrated by curlers from Oshawa were held at a nearby resort where everyone from the Skyline were invited to attend. It was a raucous affair that often went to 2 a.m.

Steve Colliver, a past winner and current member, who helped as a youth and continues to help run the Skyline as a committee member, said a lot of his life correlates to the event.

When he moved to the Highlands with his parents, he was 10 and so was the Skyline. Now he is 60 and so is the event.

“This was where I had my first job, at this club. I think I was probably 13 and I was out cleaning ice between the draws and [they paid] me 20 bucks for the weekend and I thought I was rich,” he said. “And then when I got old enough they actually let me play in it.”

His father was responsible for making the ice at the club’s old location for years.

Among the memories of the Skyline that stand out for him was how two curlers, each representing their respective clubs, Ted Gardener for Haliburton and Jim Youngman for Oshawa, annually held their own competition in the wee hours of the morning. This head-to-head game of one-upmanship often followed a few drinks and a rousing conversation.

“Invariably after all the lights had been turned out and we’re hoping that people would be going home, they would want the lights to be turned back on so they could have a [game based on a] gentleman’s bet about who could throw the

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sheep sounds
- 5. Turn up
- 11. Statements of support
- 14. Spells
- 15. Evildoer
- 18. One-time baseball stadium staple
- 19. Activities
- 21. WWII-era US President
- 23. Soft, flexible leather
- 24. Proverb
- 28. Wish (Hindu)
- 29. Injury treatment
- 30. Red Sox ace
- 32. “Deadliest Catch” captain
- 33. Baseball stat
- 35. Where marine life lives
- 36. Heartbeat test
- 39. Signs on the dotted line
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Bind securely
- 44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
- 46. Fragrant brown balsam

- 47. Where you were born
- 49. Sells a ticket for more than its price
- 52. Where goods are presented
- 56. Jewish salutation
- 58. Fruits
- 60. Poorly educated
- 62. Microorganism
- 63. Depicted

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ballplayer’s tool
- 2. Hairdo
- 3. From a distance
- 4. Belt one out
- 5. Revising a text
- 6. More (Spanish)
- 7. Beloved Spielberg alien
- 8. BBQ dish
- 9. Provoke
- 10. Within
- 12. Canadian flyers
- 13. Smugly smile
- 16. Buffalo
- 17. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- 20. Grab
- 22. Rural delivery
- 25. Equally

- 26. It’s sometimes passed
- 27. Citizens who are qualified to vote
- 29. Greek letter
- 31. Body part
- 34. Boxing result
- 36. Newts
- 37. Predatory semiaquatic reptiles
- 38. Cockatoo
- 40. The NFL’s big game (abbr.)
- 43. Leguminous east Indian tree
- 45. News reporting organization
- 48. A nemesis of Batman
- 50. Legal term
- 51. Not all
- 53. A way to greet
- 54. Knot in a tree
- 55. Satisfy
- 57. Russian space station
- 58. A baby’s mealtime accessory
- 59. Stitch together
- 61. ___ and behold

Answers on page 16



About 100 curlers celebrating the 60th annual men’s Skyline Bonspiel filled the Haliburton Curling Club on the weekend of Jan. 19 to 21, culminating in an entire bonspiel win by Team Duhaime, which was made up of skip Owen Duhaime, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, Tyler Warham and Russ Duhaime.

Curlers share fond memories of bonspiel

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draw closest to the button. It always, always happened after one in the morning. ... In this day and age I wouldn't have set them out [on the ice] without elbow pads and a helmet ... they were out there and it was Haliburton versus Oshawa. I don't know how they were picked to do it, but it was invariably those two guys and they were out there throwing draws. Sometimes they wouldn't wait for the lights to come on either," he said.

Colliver said it was rewarding to win the Skyline.

Even if it was only once, he wants to do it again.

There comes a certain level of disappointment that has to be accepted though once you win.

"If you do this at the front end of your career it's all downhill," he said.

Colliver and his brother and their sons made up the winning team one year.

"For me and my brother, it was at the end of our career and it's turned upside down for the two of them," he said referring to their two sons.

Always with a smile, Don Popple, a past-president from 1981 to 1982, said, "It's not easy to win, I can tell you that much."

Popple was one of the owners of Curry Motors, who helped sponsor the event and curled in the Skyline. "Because of strong competitors. We talked about the partying and everything else, but they also come to curl. Mainly to curl," he said.

Wayne Hussey organized the Skyline for 25 years as chairman, starting soon after he moved to the Highlands permanently. (Hussey grew up locally and moved to Cornwall at 16.) He took over the organizing duties from Bob Johnson in 1991.

Despite moving away as a teen, he has competed in 50 Skyline bonspiels, likely more than anyone else. The first time he competed in the Skyline was in 1962. He still remembers how his father came to pick him up from Carleton University in Ottawa to bring him up to Haliburton. In those 50 years of competition, he only won twice. Once in 1966 and again in 1968. He acknowledges the effort of volunteers such as Scottie, who has since passed, and wife Bernice, also known as Bunny to friends.

He remembers how candles were left on a ledge by the window so spectators could see what was happening on the ice.

The aging demographic has created some challenges, Hussey said, with fewer curlers likely to stay up for late-night games or early morning parties. After band leader Bev Smith died, fewer Oshawa curlers have been coming up.

The field has been reduced from 32 to 24 teams.

"The reason it's carried on so long is it's a chance to see your buddies you met the last year before and you come back," Hussey said, "There is a lot of camaraderie and friendship that has developed over the years just from that. I think we also see one of the big advantages is these people come up and they love Haliburton. They all of a sudden want to move up here or start a cottage or do something so it's been a real good ... it's a chance for them to see Haliburton and meet all the nice people."

Hussey was a member of the Haliburton club from 1992 until last year. He lives in Oshawa, but also has a cottage here, as he has since 1974.

Current organizer Dave Moss took over the chairman job three years ago.

Curlers make the trip because of the high-level curling competition, the food and the live music performances. Last



year, Haliburton's Carl Dixon performed.

He said the event is possible because of the six-person committee (one of which is Colliver) and the more than 50 members of the club volunteering at least three hours. The volunteers serve, cook and host lunches and clean, and drive curlers to their weekend accommodations after the evening of curling, cards and live entertainment.

"It's curling during the day and it's a big social time at night and the return rate since we've started doing this has been phenomenal," Moss said.

For the Saturday lunch, the Skyline includes "home hosting" when four teams will go to a member's home for a provided lunch and beverages.

"They get to see another part of Haliburton. They get to meet some new people. They get to meet other people in the bonspiel they might not meet ... it's very, very popular," he said.

Out of the 24 teams, there are 21 out-of-town teams that were registered this year coming from Niagara Falls, London, Sudbury, Lakefield, Peterborough, Leaside, Oakville and Ottawa area. The reach of the event is attributed to these out-of-towners, who tell others.

Moss said having club members compete out of town helps with marketing Haliburton events.

"The clubs that are successful with bonspiels like this are clubs that also go out to other clubs and support their functions. This club is exceptional at that," he said.

Moss said the weekend before the Skyline he curled in Utica.

"The clubs that we send people to, we also promote our bonspiels and you kind of throw out the old, 'we expect a little reciprocation here.' And it works. Once they come once they're coming back again. They have such a good time," he said. "That's one of the reasons why we have been able to do it and keep it going all these years."

The club's success has also come from the community.

The sponsorship by local businesses has always been there.

The long-standing sponsorship started with Curry Motors in 1964. Twelve years later Home Hardware joined. In 1985, Haliburton Lumber joined. Two years later Dawson Insurance joined. There are four streams from A to D to compete in, each with a trophy and prizes for the winning teams.

The 60th annual men's Skyline Bonspiel filled the Haliburton Curling Club with 24 teams - three from Haliburton County on the weekend of Jan. 19 to 21. The team pictured here, from Lakefield, were dubbed the "fancy pants" team by another curler. / SUE TIFFIN Staff



A sweater on display at the Haliburton Curling Club showcased a collection of ribbons from the annual Skyline Bonspiel, reaching back 60 years.

This year's \$2,000 worth of cash prizes is owed to the sponsors.

David Bishop, a former member and a past winner of the Skyline Bonspiel with David Gray, knows full well the level of play required to win it all.

"When you get to the final game it's competitive and you'll use just about any little trick that you can in order to make sure you get just a bit of an edge and that's all it takes sometimes," he said.

Gray, a current member and past-president from the 1970s, joined the club when he moved to Haliburton from Toronto in 1969. He was also instrumental in establishing the club's not-for-profit status. Bishop was a member from 1963 to 2000 and remembers the year he won.

He and Gray were behind by one point in the last end. He refers to a "biter" - a stone that just touches the outer edge of the circles - that became a deciding point in the final end.

"That's what won it for us," he said.

"Was that the rock you gave a kick to?" Popple asks, laughing.

"Any advantage you can get," Bishop said, smiling.

He remembers telling the opposing skip he believed that rock was on. To the other skip's detriment, it cost him the game. It wasn't until the end he acknowledged the deciding point.

Art Dawson, now retired, spoke about the welcoming feeling he felt when he joined at age 23.

"Such a welcoming feeling right from the start as you walk in. Once you're a member of the curling club you're everybody's equal ... Everybody makes you feel welcome. I've been curling for 44 years and spent 10 years as a lead so I know how tough it is to get up there," he said.

Dawson is a past-president from 1986 to 1987.

The average age of curlers is going up. It's a challenge for the Skyline and membership in general, Moss said.

"The curling demographic is an aging demographic. Particularly here in Haliburton, we have a very strong junior program, an incredible high school program and we welcome those kids to curl. Our high school curlers curl in our night leagues to give them more experience and more exposure to curling with adults, but when they graduate high school and go off to wherever they go most of them find careers outside of this area. This club isn't growing with those curlers. Our average age here now is 67 years of age," he said.

There are 280 members at the club.

Despite the challenges, Moss is optimistic about the Skyline's future.

"I think it has a long, long life to go yet," he said.

UPCOMING Community Events

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When: Saturday Feb. 16

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When: Tuesday, Febr. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.

This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.



International athletes compete at Sir Sam's

A field of male competitors remain tightly packed together after the first few turns during the 2019 Sir Sam's Ski Cross Cup race on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. /DARREN LUM Staff



American competitor Stuart Whittier, left, stays on his feet despite losing his balance behind Australian Liam Michael and Canadian Alex Rubinoff.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Great Britain's Elliane Hall leads out a pair of competitors during the 2019 Sir Sam's Ski Cross Cup race on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. Sanctioned by FIS, the two day event (with one day of practice) included an international field of male and female skiers from Australia, China, the U.S. and Canada. Athletes ranged in age from 18 to 29.

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Midgets

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Storm Midgets move onto the second round of playoffs by winning Game 5 against the Shelburne Wolves, Sunday, Jan. 27. It was a tough start for the Midgets, losing the first two games against the Wolves. However, when it was time to raise the bar, the Midgets did exactly what was needed to win the next three games straight. The Storm Midgets came out strong to a filled Haliburton arena, Saturday, Jan. 26, down 2-1 in the series. It was their game from the puck drop and they demolished the Shelburne Wolves 6-0.

They stayed consistent with two goals each period and shut out the Wolves from their zone. Smith got things going in the first with a hard drive to the net and a quick top corner goal. Assisted by Vasey and Walker. Next, team captain, Walker started the rush, he skillfully manoeuvred through the defence and fired in the second goal. Another couple of goals in second period by Haedicke and Clements, then it was MacNaull and Clements again, in the third period. The Wolves were baffled by the Storm and Sisson nabbed a well-earned shutout win.

Game 5 was a do or die game for both teams and they came out flying in the scoreless first period. Late in the second period, Clements rushed to the net and blasted a shot, Morissette was right behind to pick up the rebound for the Storm's first goal. That goal boosted the Storm into action. Minutes later, MacNaull drove hard to the net for a shot, Davies picked up that rebound for the second goal. The third period was full of aggressive end to end action. The Storm team did well keeping the Wolves out. Late in the game, Robinson stole the puck, got a breakaway and capitalized with a goal. With just a few minutes left in the game, the Storm team sealed the series with another goal. While dominating the play in the Wolves zone, Walker ripped a shot and Gilbert is there to put it away. The Wolves got lucky with a minute on the clock and made it a 4-1 final. A well deserved 3-2 series win for the Storm Midgets. They now move onto the second round of playoffs against the Stayner Cyclones.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Bantam

The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Highland Storm Bantam team were granted a bye through the first round of playoffs. They started in the quarter-finals this past weekend taking on the Shelburne Wolves. They travelled to Shelburne on Saturday, Jan. 26 for their first game. Goals were scored this weekend by Mathias Lee and Gage Hutchinson with assists going to Evan Armstrong, Kolby McGovern, Kyan Hall and Jackson Wilson. Unfortunately the Storm were unable to defeat the Wolves with the final score of 7-2. The Bantams will be back at it next weekend for Game 2 of the series on Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. in Haliburton, be sure to come and cheer them on!

By Monica Keefer

Peewee A

On Jan. 26, JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A travelled to Oshawa to play Game 3 of the MPS playoffs against the Durham Crusaders. The Highland Storm Peewee A played hard but the game ended in 2-1 loss. The goal was scored by Austin Boylan.

On Sunday, Jan. 27, Highland Storm Peewee A hosted the Durham Crusaders for Game 4 of the MPS playoffs.

The first period started with a beautiful goal by Mak Prentice. It was a 1-0 hockey game going into the second. To start the second Cheyenne Degeer came off

the bench and got the puck and took her shot right in the net! Then Addison St Cyr got the puck, brought it down, he shoots, he scores. Next there was a scramble and Austin Boylan tossed the puck in the net. It was 4-0 going into the third. To start the third there was a scramble at the net, the puck got out and Prentice took advantage, he shot the puck and scored his second goal of the game.

The game's final score was a 5-0 win and a playoff shutout for Ethan Dobson!

JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A play their fifth MPS playoff game at on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

By Amber Card

Atom

Another cold January weekend was full of exciting playoff hockey for the Ridge-wood Ford and Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom Rep team as they played two more games versus the ever challenging Durham Crusaders. With the series tied at two games apiece they drove south to Oshawa for Game 3. The Storm looked to gain a series lead on the Crusaders and would do so in style with a consistently defensive mindset seen throughout the game. Shy of a few rushes that made their way into their end the Storm managed to choke up the neutral zone and eliminate countless threats from their opponent.

The Storm opened the scoring in the first period with a Jace Mills solo effort which was an important goal to set the tone. The second period started off with another Mills goal supported by Owen Sisson who was happy to get the assist. Managing to keep the Crusaders off the board was at times no simple task however Storm net minder and young veteran to this game Chase Winder put on a virtual clinic earning the praise of the opposing team as well. On a rare breakaway shot he kicked out his left pad and sent the puck into the corner as the crowd went wild. To add to the excitement Austin Latanville popped in another helper after following up one of Parker Simms' many rushes that resulted in an easy rebound in front. The Storm headed home with a 3-0 win and a series lead in hand.

Sunday afternoon couldn't come soon enough as they hit the ice for a 2 p.m. start. Proving to be a worthy opponent the Crusaders came to play with purpose and a determination to avoid defeat. The first period remained scoreless despite multiple chances at both ends of the ice. The Storm refused to quit on pucks around the Durham net and with both McLean Rowden and Josh Scheffee causing chaos in front, young Deegan Davison managed to chip the puck over the minder's pad to open the scoring. Looking for some insurance Austin Latanville buried one assisted by Scheffee to get the score up 2-0. The Crusaders merely managed one goal in an effort to forge their way back into the series however it was too little too late as our fiery goalie once again looked sharp and worthy of a highlight reel. The Storm Atoms thank you for all of the support as they head into their second round of play against an opponent who is yet to be determined.

By Pasi Posti

Novice

In Game 3 of the first round of playoffs, the Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Highland Storm Novice Rep Team travelled to Wasaga Beach to battle the Stars. The Storm came out strong in the first period with Henry Neilson putting in two goals. The Stars reciprocated with a point before the end of the period. There was intense action in the second period but no goals were scored. Evan Perrott took another

point for the Storm before the end of the game, resulting in a 3-1 victory for the Storm. Isaac Trotter did a commendable job puck handling and penalty killing.

On Sunday, Wasaga Beach met the Novices at the A.J. LaRue Arena for Game 4. The Stars put in two goals in the first period then Isaac Trotter snuck one in during the second period after some scrambling in front of the net. Evan Perrott tied the score early in the third period but the Stars retaliated with two more goals, taking a two goal lead. The Storm wasn't done fighting, and Luke Gruppe fired in the third goal for the Storm. With 30 seconds left in the third, the team pulled the goalie and Evan Perrott put in a goal to tie the game. The crowd went wild with excitement. The game went into a 10-minute, sudden-death overtime. Halfway through the fourth, Max Rupnow launched one in for the Storm, winning the game 5-4, and the first round of the playoffs. Goalie, Carter Braun made wicked saves throughout the weekend. Great hockey, Novices!

Good luck to the Novices in their second round of the playoffs against the Shelburne Wolves.

By Sara Gruppe

Atom LL

The Atom Local League TD Canada Trust season is almost coming to an end with only two games left. The Atoms took on the South Muskoka team in Bracebridge this past weekend.

During the first period South Muskoka were proving they will never give up which resulted in two goals but with another day of persistent power skating Logan Reid was able to battle the puck off the boards and take a nice wrist shot from the hash marks and score top shelf.

During the second period South Muskoka were able to find the back of the net twice.

For the third period South Muskoka was able to sink another but with the TD's never giving up Logan Burke's new rounded skills and persistent digging was able to take the puck away from three forwards and send a beautiful pass up to Ethan Rowe and he was able to show South Muskoka his stick handling skills and speed and deked out their goalie to score his second of the season. With multiple misfortunes with bad bounces of the puck South Muskoka found the win. The next game is hosted in Haliburton against Huntsville.

By Chris McMartin

Peewee LL

On Jan. 26, the LL Peewee Home Hardware team travelled to Gravenhurst to play against Parry Sound. Parry Sound came out strong scoring three goals against Storm in the first period. Storm shut them down in the second period only allowing Parry Sound to get one goal in the final minute. Parry Sound started the third with a couple quick goals but Storm was about to go out without a fight and at four-minute mark #9 Alex Hendry put Storm's on the board assisted by Daniel Stephen, Parry Sound scored another before Storm's Emery Bagshaw scored an exciting goal assisted by Hendry with one minute left of the game! Final score 7-2 Parry Sound. The Storm's Home Hardware Peewee team will travel to Gravenhurst for a rematch at 1 p.m.

By Marita Bagshaw

Midget LL

The Highland Storm Pharmasave LL Midgets participated in a one day tournament Saturday. Game 1 was against the Mariposa Lightning. The game was very close throughout with good action at both ends. Storm goalie Nate Miscio pulled off some excellent saves and defenceman

Danaya MacDuff made solid plays to keep the Storm in the running. The Lightning won 3-2 on a late third period goal. Storm goals were by Tim Turner and Brenden Newhook. Game 2 was against the Kawartha Coyotes. The Coyotes charged right from the opening faceoff and were in a commanding 4-0 lead before the game even reached the halfway mark of the period. The Coyotes continued to press throughout the second period taking a 7-2 lead into the final frame. Both Storm goals were by Sam Hoenow. Kawartha went on to win 8-2. Next were the Coldwater Wildcats. The Wildcats scored first putting the puck between the pads of Miscio. Miscio made a great save early in the second on a hard Wildcats shot and on the subsequent rebound. The Wildcats went up by a couple after pinning the Storm in their own end for an extended time. The Storm had a very impressive power play at the end of the period but were unable to find the back of the net and were going to have to dig deep in the third period. The Wildcats held their ground however on their way to a 2-0 win over the Highland Storm.

On Sunday, the team headed north for a game against the Almaguin Ice Devils. The first period was evenly matched with entertaining hockey by both teams. The Storm took the opening lead on a Paul Turner breakaway goal. In the second period Turner laid up a beautiful saucer pass to Brenden Newhook to send him in one on one against the Devil goalie. Newhook made no mistake putting the puck into the top corner and giving the Storm a 2-0 lead. Brother Tim Turner wanted part of the action as well scoring on a low slapshot to put the locals up by three. Almaguin broke Miscio's shut-out bid late in the third but a couple of late Storm goals by Sam Hoenow had the Storm cruise to a convincing 5-2 victory.

By Gord Hoenow

Atom LL

On Saturday the GJ Burtch LL Atom 1 team hosted Huntsville's Lake of Bays Plumbing, the league's top team. The Storm accepted this tough task, put on their work boots and got to work. The Storm's hard work paid off when Taylor Mulock buried the puck in the second period tying the game at one, assisted by Eric Mueller and Isaac Borgdorff. The Storm would take the lead to start the third period on a great individual effort by Jacob Mantle. Minutes later Huntsville would score tying the game back up at 2's. It was a nail biter to the finish but the Storm's goaltender Jacob Lloyd-Gottinger stood his ground making numerous spectacular saves earning himself the hard hat and his team a hard fought tie. 2-2 final.

On Sunday the Storm was right back at it, hosting Parry Sound's Marshall Black Carpentry, back at the S.G Nesbitt arena in Minden. It took only 18 seconds for the Storm's Taylor Mulock (1G, 2A) to find the back of the net. It was clear that on this day the Storm had come to play together as a team. Sadie Evans-Fockler (1A) blocking's shots with her feet, Jacob Davis (2A) diving to chip the puck out of our zone. Every member of the Storm would register at least one point. Brody Hartwig (2G, 1A), Jacob Mantle (2A), Zach Prentice (1A), Isaac Borgdorff (2G, 1A), Olivia Gruppe (3A). Eric Mueller (2G, 1A). Layne Robinson earned himself the hard hat getting his first goal of the season as well as two assists on the day. Final 8-4 win.

Next up the GJ Burtch LL Atoms travel to Huntsville Feb. 2, to face McDonald's LL Atoms.

By Jamie Lloyd

Due to space constraints, we could not fit all hockey briefs in this week. We will run the additional briefs online and in next week's Echo.

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The Haliburton and Minden Fire Departments, E.M.S. and O.P.P. The response time was amazing .
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Graham, Valerie

Peacefully, surrounded by family, Valerie passed early on January 22nd.

After years of struggle with Parkinson's and declining abilities, she is now at rest in the company of the One who called her to abide "beside still waters". While the years contained much difficulty, her joy was palpable and her hope has now been realized. We will miss her dearly.

Predeceased by her husband Dave Graham. Loving mother of Tim (Monica), Lara (Rick), Lianna (Nick) and Tanya (Kevin), and Grandma of Jocelyn, Chelsie, Regan, Eliana, Maia, Natascha and Michael. Sister of Muriel (Marty), Steve (Cindy) and Rollie (predeceased) (Kathie). Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service in the R. J. Barnard Chapel Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home 233 Larch St., Sudbury. Friday, January 25th, 2019 at 2:30pm (Friends may gather after 1:30pm Friday) Interment in the Ingolfsby Cemetery.

Donations to the Parkinson Society would be appreciated.

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Bradnee became Executive Secretary of CMS in 2013 and led the Convention through the Conferences of the Parties in Quito in 2014 (COP11) and Manila in 2017 (COP12).

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at the age of 52.

Beloved husband of the late Elisa. Loving father of Ena of Germany. Dear son of Joan and the late James Chambers. Dear brother of Dan and Linda of Burlington, Tim and Janice of Carnarvon, Ginger and Bill of Minden, Frank and Shelley of Algonquin Highlands, Jeff and Cathy of Windsor. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Bradnee's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon.

Memorial Donations to the Duck's Unlimited or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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College opens the door to electronic highway link

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Unless they want to put their telephone bills into over-drive, computer users in Haliburton County have had to stand on the side of the information super-highway, unaware of all the traffic whizzing by.

But they may soon be able to hitch a ride with Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Within the next few months, there will be a public meeting to establish whether it's feasible to link Highlands computer users to the Internet through the computer system at the Peterborough-based college.

Internet is an international network of university, government and private computers. People on opposite sides of the world can "talk" to one another on their computer screens. Or they can access a mind-boggling array of information services, such as the Smithsonian Institute library in Washington or Ontario government data bases.

"The prospects are amazing," says Sheila Stackhouse, who teaches computers at the

Haliburton SSFC campus. "It's access to any information that you can possibly think of."

If you want to hook up to the Internet on your home computer, you need a modem and a designated phone line. That's the easy



part. In rural areas such as Haliburton, where there's no community network, you then have to pay the long distance charges for every minute you're racing down the lists of files.

"The first time you go on it, it's mind boggling and you stay on it for hours and hours," says Stackhouse, who is just starting to become familiar with life in the computer fast lane. "Then you get your first phone bill and you say, 'No, I can't do that anymore.'"

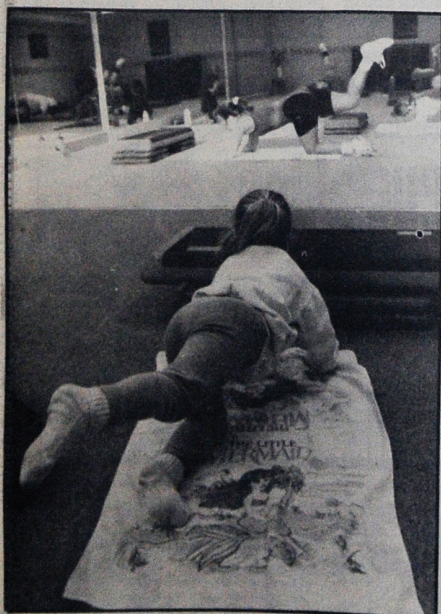
By developing community net-

works, you avoid the long distance bills, or at least reduce them. "A community network is usually located on a computer in a central location," says one of Stackhouse's information packages. "Many people can connect simultaneously to a community network's central computer from their own homes, schools or workplaces..."

"Community networks are also proving to be dynamic, powerful forums for community growth and economic development. Ordinary citizens get access to information, communication tools and the Internet. Local organizations and community groups can open up information areas describing their services, objectives and programs."

Right now, Sir Sandford in Peterborough is hooked on to Internet, and makes the service available to people associated with the college. The Lindsay campus is now also hooked on. Stackhouse has a personal account on the Internet via the Sir Sandford system. When she hooks onto Internet, she now only has to pay the long distance

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THEY START EARLY: If Paige Cary keeps this up, she'll never have to make a New Year's resolution to get in shape. The 3-year-old was at Island Paradise Fitness watching her mother Cathy teach low-impact aerobics.

Putting your best foot forward:

New Year's resolutions hit the stores and the health clubs

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Goodbye shortbread cookies, chocolate truffles and eggnog. Hello rice cakes, Melba Toast and Nutrasweet.

When the champagne glasses clinked on New Year's Eve, across this county you could hear people vowing they would lose weight in 1995.

After the great feast we call Christmas, when no cookie is too fattening and no craving should be ignored, people resolve to change their ways. They're going to lose weight and get in shape. They're going to stop their bad habits and live the life of a gastronomical saint.

However, there is a reason why we make such New Year's resolutions: Because we tend to forget about them after a week or two, we need a reminder to make the same resolutions a year later.

"For the first month everyone wants diet food and sugar-free food," says Sandra Roberts, manager of Haliburton IGA. "And then it bottoms out around

February."

In the first week of January, IGA was temporarily sold out of Melba Toast. Other hot sellers were rice cakes and Nutrabars and anything else that said "Light" or "Sugar Free." Roberts says "it's like what happens when a recipe is circulating — all of a sudden you can be sold out of molasses that's been sitting there all year..."

"Losing weight has got to be the most widely used resolution that's going."

Next door at Valumart, owner Mike Easton says that losing weight is not just an overnight phenomenon. "The general trend is that people are being more health conscious."

Over the past few years, he says sales of canned food have "dramatically dropped" as people choose fresh or frozen vegetables. At the meat counter, people want lean meats and less salt. Perhaps it's because we have an older population which is more aware of the correlation between a healthy diet and a healthy body.

In the city, "young, urban professionals" line up to buy memberships at health clubs in January. For one month at least, business is booming as people hold fast to their resolution to get in shape. The Highlands' older population is not as inclined to sign up for aerobics classes.

Here in Haliburton, there is an increase in membership at health clubs, but it's not as dramatic as in the city.

"I've had quite a few calls and people coming in," says Lisa Box, the owner of Island Paradise Fitness, which offers regular aerobics and exercise classes. Many of the people say they're there to lose weight and most are serious about it. "Some need an extra push," says the diminutive owner, who also admits to enjoying a feeding frenzy over the holidays.

Although New Year's gets people into the centre, they have to be committed to their health to still be there in August. And judging by last year's new members, Box believes most of her new members are willing to stick

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People want cuts - but don't make them too deep

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Those who were present agreed; sacrifices ultimately must be made.

But exactly in what form, where and how great those sacrifices should be made was the question local residents discussed and debated Thursday night at a lively open forum on the future of Canada's social security net.

The public meeting, held by Victoria-Haliburton Member of Parliament John O'Reilly at the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion, was an opportunity for concerned Canadians to voice their opinions on just how drastic proposed changes to the nation's social programs should be.

The Canada-wide hearings are also an opportunity for the federal government to gauge public reaction and gain advice on Human Resources Department Minister Lloyd Axworthy's recently unveiled discussion paper on reforming social security services, expected to come in this year's budget.

The report — better known as the Green Paper — opened the door to examine various options for a massive restructuring of all programs, from provincial welfare payments and unemployment insurance to child tax benefits, old-age security and post-secondary school funding.

Aimed at reducing the country's staggering deficit, the majority Liberal government is faced with the onerous task of

cutting down the debt and at the same time upholding the high quality of life enjoyed by Canadians.

While local views on the how severe the reform should be differed radically, the 40 interested residents who showed up passionately spoke their minds on what direction Canada should take in coming years. Some encouraged the federal government to adopt harsh and drastic "slash and burn" methods which would see the demise of the country's compassionate — though naive, abused and overburdened, critics say — social security blanket, while many urged a careful and cautious approach to whatever changes are in store.

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DEBATE THE ISSUES: C.H.A.C.E. Executive Director Sue Valm (standing left) discusses issues on social reform with resident John Beachli (right) during an open forum on the future of Canada's security net Thursday night.

R.I.D.E. charges up

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Last year's perfect record of no drinking and driving charges during the Christmas R.I.D.E. program has fallen by the wayside.

While the number of vehicles stopped by the Minden OPP this year was down by more than 50 per cent from last year, more drivers were intoxicated.

The number of drunk drivers nailed by Minden detachment this year is still low, but indicates that motorists "don't seem to be getting the message," police say.

The number of vehicles stopped during December was down to 453 from last year's total of 1,077 — in which no charges were laid. This year's holiday season checks resulted in two impaired driving charges during

the month of December. As well as the two impaired driving arrests resulting from the "Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere" program, routine police patrols also saw six others charged with drunk driving during the six weeks leading up to the holiday season.

While the numbers of drunk drivers have been vastly reduced during the past decade, Minden OPP Staff Sergeant Dennis Edlington said he was disappointed that the message still hasn't gotten out to some drivers. "It seems the numbers bottomed out and now appear to be rising again."

While pointing out that there are "too many variables to make any rash statements," he said "the numbers don't appear to be as good as last year and that is what concerns me."

Edlington could not offer an explanation as to why the number of vehicles stopped for checks was down so drastically, saying that the size of this year's R.I.D.E. project was the same as last year's.

He said it is no secret where the checks are set up in the area and suggested that perhaps drivers were avoiding those routes. "It is generally common knowledge that most people know where we set up our checks and it's obvious most drunk drivers don't take the main routes at the peak time of the checks. They will take the back roads to avoid it."

Aside from the two R.I.D.E.-related drunk-driving charges and six others arrested through routine patrols, there were also two warnings — meaning 12 hour licence suspensions — issued to drivers last month. Three other liquor-related charges were also laid against drivers.

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